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**Tuesday, August 11, 2015**  
**Daily Update**

#### **1. Press (12)**

A. Inquiry or Interview [handled in press office]

1. Gold Mine: ANDREW WOOD NBC 919) 791.6005 | andrew.wood@nbcuni.com
2. Gold Mine: Ed Williams KUNM/Public Health New Mexico 512 914 4008
3. Marissa Barnett, Galveston Daily News, marissa.bartnett@galvnews.com, 409-683-5257: Statement on Clean Power Plan lawsuit. Referred to HQ.
4. Mark Collette, Houston Chronicle, 713-362-7586, mark.collette@chron.com: Sent statement on draft US ACE San Jacinto Waste Pits report on remedy alternatives. Input from Carlos Sanchez, 6SF.
5. Michael Carl, News Fix CW39 Houston, mcarl@tribunemedia.com, 713-435-2954: Sent statement on draft US ACE San Jacinto Waste Pits report on remedy alternatives. Input from Carlos Sanchez, 6SF.
- G. Other
6. Developed Gold Mine Digest 15 articles
7. Drafted statement on draft US ACE San Jacinto Waste Pits report on remedy alternatives with 6SF.
8. Worked with HQ re FY16 grants
9. Worked with ORD re Texas Tech grant, post to social media and sent press release
10. Worked with PD-U and ODEQ re: Food Waste program
11. Worked with W EN, Air EN and SF EN re: HoustonChron Blue Bell inquiry
12. Worked with XA re: Gold Mine oil spill: 2 hours

#### **2. Web (6)**

A. Web Updates

1. Added EPA Headquarters Gold King Mine Facebook story.
2. Updated New Mexico state page with link to new Gold King Mine page.
- F. Other
3. Met with Tom Ruiz about working with his Community Outreach Group.
4. Posted all pictures by the awards photo team to the H:Drive:Region 6 Pictures.
5. Put together package of all Drupal How to Sheets for Cindy and Bruce.
6. Took pictures of the EPA Region 6 Awards Ceremony.

#### **5. Liaisons (4)**

A. Inquiries/Responses

1. Martindale Inquiry from Congressman Abraham's Office Regarding a Collapsed Septice Tank on Abandoned Property. Working with the LDEQ to get an Inspector to the Property.

C. Grants Concurred

2. Assunto approved Award Document Approval: BG-98640316-0: LDEQ PPG FY16-0

3. Martindale Concurrence on US-Mexico Implementation Border 2020 Program FY16 Grant
4. Martindale Concurrence on New Mexico UIC FY16 Grant

#### **6. Correspondence (1)**

##### **D. Other**

1. FYI: AX-15-001-2427 Rios - ALON Report

#### **8. Writing/Outreach (1)**

1. Weber edited letter for control AL-15-001-2107. Hinojosa - Proposed Injection Wells Waste Disposal.

#### **9. Emergencies (4)**

1. Assunto is coordinating with SF re. deployments
2. Assunto participated in media call for GKMR
3. Assunto responded to inquiry from [andrew.westney@law360.com](mailto:andrew.westney@law360.com), Legal News and Data, NY
4. Assunto sent GKM update information to all media list in Austin's chart.

#### **10. Other (1)**

1. Wang updated ORO Travel Calendar

#### **11. Today/Upcoming (11)**

##### **B. Items of Interest**

1. 0812 - On August 12, EPA intends to propose rescission of the INEOS Olefins and Polymers, Inc. Chocolate Bayou Plant (near Galveston, TX) GHG Permit, at the request of the company. This action is being taken in response to the Supreme Court case that said Step 2 sources were not major sources. The outcome of that ruling allows EPA to rescind permits like the permit INEOS has currently. The company provided adequate information that it does not have the potential to emit above the major source threshold. The proposed permit rescission will be signed by the Division Director. It will be published in the local paper on August 16, 2015, for notification purposes. This action is not open for public comment. No response anticipated from stakeholders.
2. 0812 - On August 12, EPA will propose approval of the revisions to the City of Albuquerque – Bernalillo County NNSR permitting program for monitoring for PM 2.5, implementation of the 8 hour ozone NAAQS, inclusion of the fugitive emissions rule, record keeping and other requirements to their NSR program.
3. 0818 - On August 18, EPA will finalize the proposed approval of two revisions to the New Mexico State Implementation Plan (SIP) to update the Albuquerque-Bernalillo County Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) SIP permitting program consistent with federal requirements.
4. 0820 - On August 20, pursuant to a consent decree deadline (Deadline is August 30), EPA intends to finalize disapproval of the 1997 8-hour ozone standard for the Dallas-Fort Worth area. DFW air quality has significantly improved over the last decade. EPA revised the 8-hour health-based standard for ozone in 2008. EPA finalized guidelines for the revised standard, including plans to revoke the 1997 ozone standard for all purposes and to no longer reclassify areas under the old standard. Ten years ago, the 8-hour average was 98 parts per billion (ppb); the preliminary value for 2010-2014 is 81 ppb. Since the Area is currently in attainment for the 1997 standard, this final action also establishes anti-backsliding requirements in the State clean-air plan.
5. 0828 - On August 28, EPA will tour the Sunland Park Wastewater System. NADBANK and the Camino Real Regional Utility Authority signed an \$8M grant agreement in June for the construction of a WWTP. The State of NM has also put \$3.7M towards the construction costs. This facility will help put water back in the river after processing wastewater in an environmentally safe way.
6. 0830 - On August 30, EPA will complete a Five Year Review for the Sol Lynn Superfund Site in Houston, TX.
7. 0831 - From August 31-September 2, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry is scheduled to participate in the Environmental Council of States Meeting. RA Curry has been asked to speak with Region 8 Administrator Shaun McGrath on the topic of unconventional oil and gas. Closed Press, Newport, RI.
8. 0914 - On September 14, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry and Little Rock Mayor Mark Stodola will

speak at the ribbon cutting ceremony of the Little Rock Main Street Creative Corridor Project. Open Press, Little Rock, AR.

9. 0921 - On September 21, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will attend the Border 2020 National Coordinators Meeting hosted by EPA and the Mexican Environmental and Natural Resources Ministry. Closed Press, El Paso, TX.

10. 0924 - On September 24 – 25, Region 6 Administrator Ron Curry will discuss air quality and climate change at the Children's Environmental Health Symposium. Closed Press, El Paso, TX.

11. 0929 - On Sept. 29, EPA will finalize the designation for the Los Alamos Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). Closed Press, Los Alamos, NM.